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(Washington, D.C.) -- Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of a House Resolution recognizing Rotary International's 105 years of service. Following Congressman Altmire's speech, the resolution passed the House without objection.

"Madame Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in commemorating the Rotary International Club for its 105 years of service. Like many members of Congress, I have been a member of my local Rotary club, the McCandless Rotary. Over the years, I have served in many of the club's offices, including a term as its president. I have seen firsthand the great work that Rotary clubs do in their communities and around the world.

"Founded in 1905 in Chicago, Rotary International is the world's first formal service club and

has grown into one of the largest nonprofit service organizations in the world. The mission of Rotary International is to serve others, promote integrity and advance worldwide understanding, good will and peace through its fellowship network of business and community leaders. Today there are 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 34,000 clubs across six continents. The district that I represent is home to 25 of those clubs. With a well-known motto of "Service above Self," Rotary International promotes understanding through scholarships, student exchange programs, humanitarian grants and other service projects. I'm sure every member of Congress has at one time or another attended a Rotary meeting or spoken to a Rotary group.

"The resolution we are debating today recognizes Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and commends its members for their dedication to the mission and principles of Rotary International's organizations. I join my colleagues in support of this resolution."